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In re Patent Application of:	)	Group Art Unit: 1634
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CUNNINGHAM <i>et al.</i>	)	Examiner: Goldberg, J.
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Serial No. 09/954,695	)	Atty. Docket No. GP116-02.UT
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Filed: September 11, 2001	)	Confirmation No. 8611
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For: COMPOSITIONS, METHODS AND KITS	)	<b>VIA FACSIMILE</b>
FOR DETERMINING THE PRESENCE	)	
OF CRYPTOSPORIDIUM ORGANISMS	)	
IN A TEST SAMPLE	)	

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, this Reply is being submitted in response to the Examiner's Office Action mailed on March 5, 2004. Accordingly, Applicants kindly request that the following amendments be entered and the following remarks be considered in connection with the above-captioned application. The extended due date for this response is set for December 6, 2004, as the prior day was a Sunday.